

REMARKS

Claims 7-28 are pending. No claims have been amended, added, or cancelled.

Applicants' representatives met with Examiners Augustine and Lo in person on January 31, 2008. Applicants thank the Examiners for their time and productive discussion. This amendment and the accompanying Request for Continued Examination are submitted in accordance with the agreement reached at that meeting, as detailed below.

Drawings

Applicants' representatives explained that Applicants' previous counsel inadvertently swapped the drawings for this application with those of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/660,751 ("the '751 application"). In other words, the drawings for the '751 application were filed with this application, and the drawings for this application were filed with the '751 application. Both applications were filed on the same date and are commonly assigned to INOE Technologies, LLC. The correct drawings for this application (i.e., the drawings inadvertently filed with the '751 application) are submitted herewith. Applicants respectfully request that these drawings (six sheets, six figures) be substituted for the drawings presently of record.

U.S. Patent No. 6,522,325 ("Sorokin")

Applicants' representatives and the Examiners discussed distinctions between Applicants' claimed invention and U.S. Patent No. 6,522,325 to Sorokin et al. ("Sorokin"), particularly with reference to Applicant's FIG. 2 and Sorokin's FIG. 7a. Applicants' representatives and the Examiners agreed that Applicants' invention was distinct but that further amendment is necessary to distinguish Applicants' *claimed* invention.

The Way Ahead

The Examiners indicated, and Applicants agree, that the anticipated claim amendments will necessitate a further search. Therefore, Applicants have filed a Request for Continued Examination contemporaneously herewith.

Examiner Augustine offered to consider a proposed amendment prior to Applicants' submission of formal claim amendments in order to expedite prosecution. Applicants thank Examiner Augustine for this generous offer and intend to submit a proposed amendment for the Examiner's consideration soon. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner postpone further examination of the claims pending discussion of Applicants' proposed amendment and a supplementary amendment to be filed in accordance therewith.

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